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Applicant

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International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237			
Applicant SANYO ELECTRIC CO., LTD.			

1. This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 bis.1(a).
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- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

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If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	3-6	YES
	Claims	1, 2	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	5	YES
	Claims	1-4, 6	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-6	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Document 1: JP 2002-320023 A (Pioneer Electronic Corp.), 31 October 2002, Par. No. 0008-0010, 0033, 0082, 0107-0109, Figs. 1, 2, 5, 9

Document 2: CD-ROM of the specification and drawings annexed to the request of Japanese Utility Model Application No. 70150/1991 (Laid-open Utility Model No. 18152/1993) (Honda Access Corp.), 05 March 1993, Par. No. 0004, 0010-0012, 0015, Figs. 1, 3

Document 3: JP 11-187102 A (YOSHIDA Hiroshi), 09 July 1999, Par. No. 0005

Document 4: JP 52-079621 A (Citizen Watch Co., Ltd.), 04 July 1977, Full text, all drawings

Document 5: JP 54-004526 A (Centre Electronique Horloger SA), 13 January 1979, Full text, all drawings & US 4199751 A, GB 1603750 A & DE 2824913 A, CH 615520 A

Document 6: JP 2003-174676 A (Denso Corp.), 20 June 2003, Par. No. 0020-0024, Figs. 1, 2

Document 7: JP 2002-223288 A (Toyota Motor Corp.), 09 August 2002, Par. No. 0014-0016, Fig. 1

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Box No. VI Certain documents cited

1. Certain published documents (Rule 43bis.1 and 70.10)

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JP 2004-246566 A	02.09.2004	13.02.2003	13.02.2003
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Kind of non-written disclosure	Date of non-written disclosure (day/month/year)	Date of written disclosure referring to non-written disclosure (day/month/year)

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Claim 1

The invention of claim 1 is described in Par. No. 0008-0010, 0033, 0082, 0107-0109, and Figs. 1, 2, 5, 9 of document 1 or Par. No. 0015 and Fig. 3 of document 2 cited in the ISR and, therefore, does not appear to possess novelty or involve an inventive step.

Claim 2

The invention of claim 2 is described in Par. No. 0004, 0010-0012 and Fig. 1 of document 2 cited in the ISR and, therefore, does not appear to possess novelty or involve an inventive step.

Claim 3

The invention of claims 3 does not appear to involve an inventive step based on document 3 (Par. No. 0005) cited in the ISR. Employing a button switch capable of inputting numerals that differ depending on the number of pushing cycles as described in document 3 for the operation button of document 2 would be easy for a person skilled in the art.

Claim 4

The invention of claim 4 does not appear to involve an inventive step based on document 2 and document 4 or document 5 cited in the ISR. Using keys corresponding to numerical segments described in document 4 or document 5 for the operation button of document 2 would be easy for a person skilled in the art.

Claim 5

The invention of claim 5 is neither described in the documents cited in the ISR nor obvious to a person skilled in the art.

Claim 6

The invention of claim 6 does not appear to involve an inventive step based on documents 1-5 and document 6 or 7. Employing a configuration in which a hands-free device body and a cellular phone are connected by near-range communication as described in document 6 or 7 would be easy for a person skilled in the art.